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August 7, 2003

The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman, Water and Power Subcommittee
House Resources Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: HR 2828 - CALFED Reauthorization

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the Municipal Water District of Orange County, I am writing you today to express my appreciation for your leadership and interest in California's water issues and for the introduction of your bill, *HR 2828, The Water Supply, Reliability and Environmental Improvement Act*.

Regarding the CALFED Title in HR 2828, we recognize the work you have done to create a balanced bill. We applaud your efforts. We support a continued legislative authorization for the CALFED program and are hopeful that due to your efforts and the efforts of Senator Feinstein, a CALFED authorization might pass this legislative session.

Concerning the creation of a competitive grant program for federal involvement in the areas of ocean water desalination, brine water management and disposal, water reuse and the clean up of ground water contamination, we agree with the comments you made to us in a recent meeting in your office and then again during your subcommittee hearing that this is a work in progress. We support the policy goals set out in the bill.

We appreciate your leadership on these important water development and supply issues and look forward to working with you as your bill goes through the congressional process.

Sincerely,

Joan C. Finnegan
President